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**Notice of Inflation Adjustments for Civil Money Penalties** 

**AGENCY:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Monetary Penalties 2021.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is providing notice of its maximum civil money penalties as adjusted for inflation.

**DATES:** The adjusted maximum amounts of civil money penalties in this notice are applicable to penalties assessed after January 15, 2021, for conduct occurring on or after November 2, 2015.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces changes to the maximum amount of each civil money penalty (CMP) within the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation's (FDIC) jurisdiction to administer to account for inflation under the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (1990 Adjustment Act), as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (2015 Adjustment Act). Under the 1990 Adjustment Act, as amended, federal agencies must make annual adjustments to the maximum amount of each CMP the agency administers. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is required to issue guidance to federal agencies no later than December 15 of each year providing an inflation-adjustment multiplier (i.e., the inflation-adjustment factor agencies must use) applicable to CMPs assessed in the following year.

<sup>1</sup> Pub. L. 101–410, 104 Stat. 890, codified at 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Pub. L. 114–74, § 701(b), 129 Stat. 599, codified at 28 U.S.C. 2461 note.

Agencies are required to publish their CMPs, adjusted under the multiplier provided by the OMB, by January 15 of the applicable year. Agencies, like the FDIC, that have codified the statutory formula for making the CMP adjustments may make annual inflation adjustments by providing notice in the *Federal Register*.<sup>3</sup>

On December 23, 2020, the OMB issued guidance to affected agencies on implementing the required annual adjustment, which guidance included the relevant inflation multiplier.<sup>4</sup> The FDIC has applied that multiplier to the maximum CMPs allowable in 2020 for FDIC-supervised institutions to calculate the maximum amount of CMPs that may be assessed by the FDIC in 2021.<sup>5</sup> There were no new statutory CMPs administered by the FDIC during 2020.

The following charts provide the inflation-adjusted maximum CMP amounts for use after January 15, 2021—the effective date of the 2021 annual adjustments—under 12 CFR part 308, for conduct occurring on or after November 2, 2015:

MAXIMUM CIVIL MONEY PENALTY AMOUNTS			
U.S. Code Citation	Current Maximum CMP (Through January 14, 2021)	Adjusted Maximum CMP <sup>6</sup> (Beginning January 15, 2021)	
12 U.S.C. 1464(v)			
Tier One CMP <sup>7</sup>	\$4,098	\$4,146	
Tier Two CMP	\$40,979	\$41,463	
Tier Three CMP <sup>8</sup>	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133	
12 U.S.C. 1467(d)	\$10,245	\$10,366	
12 U.S.C. 1817(a)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Office of Mgmt. & Budget, Exec. Office of the President, OMB Memorandum No. M-21-10, Implementation of Penalty Inflation Adjustments for 2021, Pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 4 (2020), https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/M-21-10.pdf ("OMB Guidance"); see also 12 CFR § 308.132(d) (FDIC regulation that guides readers to the Federal Register to see the annual notice of CMP inflation adjustments).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See OMB Guidance at 1 (providing an inflation multiplier of 1.01182).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Penalties assessed for violations occurring prior to November 2, 2015, will be subject to the maximum amounts set forth in the FDIC's regulations in effect prior to the enactment of the 2015 Adjustment Act. <sup>6</sup> The maximum penalty amount is per day, unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1464(v) provides the maximum CMP amounts for the late filing of certain Call Reports. In 2012, however, the FDIC issued regulations that further subdivided these amounts based upon the size of the institution and the lateness of the filing. *See* 77 FR 74573, 74576-78 (Dec. 17, 2012), codified at 12 CFR 308.132(e)(1). These adjusted subdivided amounts are found at the end of this chart.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.

Tier One CMP <sup>9</sup>	\$4,098	\$4,146
Tier Two CMP	\$40,979	\$41,463
Tier Three	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133
CMP <sup>10</sup>	+-,- :-,-	<del>+-,</del> -,-,
12 U.S.C. 1817(c)		
Tier One CMP	\$3,747	\$3,791
Tier Two CMP	\$37,458	\$37,901
Tier Three	\$1,872,957	\$1,895,095
CMP <sup>11</sup>		
12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(16)		
Tier One CMP	\$10,245	\$10,366
Tier Two CMP	\$51,222	\$51,827
Tier Three	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133
CMP <sup>12</sup>		
12 U.S.C.		
1818(i)(2) <sup>13</sup>		
Tier One CMP	\$10,245	\$10,366
Tier Two CMP	\$51,222	\$51,827
Tier Three	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133
CMP <sup>14</sup>		
12 U.S.C. 1820(e)(4)	\$9,365	\$9,476
12 U.S.C. 1820(k)(6)	\$337,016	\$341,000
12 U.S.C. 1828(a)(3)	\$127	\$129
12 U.S.C. 1828(h) <sup>15</sup>		
For assessments	\$127	\$129
< \$10,000		
12 U.S.C. 1829b(j)	\$21,410	\$21,663
12 U.S.C. 1832(c)	\$2,976	\$3,011
12 U.S.C. 1884	\$297	\$301
12 U.S.C. 1972(2)(F)		
Tier One CMP	\$10,245	\$10,366
Tier Two CMP	\$51,222	\$51,827
Tier Three	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133
CMP <sup>16</sup>		
12 U.S.C. 3909(d)	\$2,549	\$2,579
15 U.S.C. 78u-2		
	\$9,639	\$9,753

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> 12 U.S.C. 1817(a) provides the maximum CMP amounts for the late filing of certain Call Reports. In 1991, however, the FDIC issued regulations that further subdivided these amounts based upon the size of the institution and the lateness of the filing. *See* 56 FR 37968, 37992-93 (Aug. 9, 1991), codified at 12 CFR § 308.132(e)(1). These adjusted subdivided amounts are found at the end of this chart.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> These amounts also apply to CMPs in statutes that cross-reference 12 U.S.C. 1818, such as 12 U.S.C. 2601, 2804(b), 3108(b), 3349(b), 4009(a), 4309(a), 4717(b); 15 U.S.C. 1607(a), 1681s(b), 1691(b), 1691c(a), 1693*o*(a); and 42 U.S.C. 3601.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The \$129-per-day maximum CMP under 12 U.S.C. 1828(h), for failure or refusal to pay any assessment, applies only when the assessment is less than \$10,000. When the amount of the assessment is \$10,000 or more, the maximum CMP under section 1828(h) is 1 percent of the amount of the assessment for each day that the failure or refusal continues.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.

Tier One CMP		
(individuals)	\$96,384	\$97,523
Tier One CMP		
(others)	\$96,384	\$97,523
Tier Two CMP		
(individuals)	\$481,920	\$487,616
Tier Two CMP		
(others)	\$192,768	\$195,047
Tier Three CMP		
(individuals)	\$963,837	\$975,230
Tier Three CMP		
(others)		
15 U.S.C. 1639e(k)		
First violation	\$11,767	\$11,906
Subsequent	\$23,533	\$23,811
violations		
31 U.S.C. 3802	\$11,665	\$11,803
42 U.S.C. 4012a(f)	\$2,226	\$2,252

CFR Citation	Current Presumptive CMP	Adjusted Presumptive CMP
	(Through January 14, 2021)	(Beginning January 15, 2021)
12 CFR		
308.132(e)(1)(i)		
Institutions with		
\$25 million or		
more in assets		
1 to 15 days	\$562	\$569
late	\$1,124	\$1,137
16 or more		
days late		
Institutions with		
less than \$25		
million in assets	\$188	\$190
1 to 15 days		
late <sup>17</sup>	\$374	\$378
16 or more		
days late <sup>18</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the greater of this amount or 1/100,000th of the institution's total assets.

<sup>18</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the greater of this amount or 1/50,000th of the

institution's total assets.

12 CFR		
308.132(e)(1)(ii)		
Institutions with		
\$25 million or		
more in assets		
1 to 15 days	\$936	\$947
late	\$1,872	\$1,894
16 or more		
days late		
Institutions with less		
than \$25 million in		
assets	1/50,000th of the	1/50,000th of the
1 to 15 days	institution's total assets	institution's total assets
late		
	1/25,000th of the	1/25,000th of the
16 or more	institution's	institution's
days late	total assets	total assets
12 CFR 308.132(e)(2)	\$40,979	\$41,463
12 CFR 308.132(e)(3)		
Tier One CMP	\$4,098	\$4,146
Tier Two CMP	\$40,979	\$41,463
Tier Three CMP <sup>19</sup>	\$2,048,915	\$2,073,133

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> The maximum penalty amount for an institution is the lesser of this amount or 1 percent of total assets.